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Neil Simmons
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125 South 600 West
Price, Utah 84501

Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Western Clay Company, Hebe Gypsum Mine, S/015/072, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Simmons:

Thank you for forwarding the Notice for Western Clay Company's, Hebe Gypsum Mine located in Sections 14, 15 & 23, Township 24 South, Range 7 East, SLBM, Emery County, Utah. The Division received this notice on February 26, 1996. Your agency's designated number for this project is **UTU-73779**.

The Division has evaluated the above mentioned Notice under the Small Mining Operation section of our rules. The Notice satisfies the requirements of section R647-3 of the 1988 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Minerals Rules, and Title 40-8, et seq., of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975. No additional information is required from the operator by the Division at this time.

The notice indicates that approximately 4.88 acres will be disturbed by the proposed surface mine and associated access roads. The gypsum will be mined using a road reclaimer. There will be no drilling and blasting. Cryptogamic soils and overburden will be salvaged and stockpiled for use in reclamation.

It is understood that the Division will notify your office of any permitting concerns we may have, and in turn, your office, acting as 'Lead Agency' will notify the operator accordingly. Please forward a copy of the enclosed page three of our Small Mining Operation Notice of Intention form titled "IV. Operation and Reclamation Practices" to the operator. By accepting this Notice the Division expects the operator to comply with the practices listed on this page. If the operator cannot comply with these practices, then a variance must be requested in writing. This request would include the particular reclamation practice which the

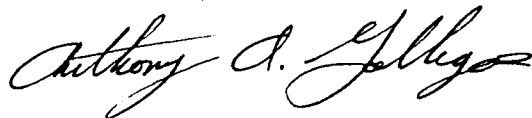


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operator cannot comply with, and an explanation describing the reasons why they cannot comply. A variance request is not required for practices which refer to features which are nonexistent at the project site.

Please provide us with a copy of your final completeness/approval letter to the operator. In addition, if you receive additional information or amendments for this operation, please notify us so we can update our files. Please reference our designated file number S/015/072 when forwarding additional information on this project to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anthony A. Gallegos".

Anthony A. Gallegos
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: page 3/4 of SMO-NOI form "Operation and Reclamation Practices"

cc: Roger L. Bon, UGS
Neal Mortensen, Western Clay Company w/enclosure
Tracking File

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